(iv) Incorrect particulars about bank account.

(v) Difficulty in verification of taxes paid or deducted, due to data mismatch.

(vi) Technical constraints like link failure, system overload, etc.

(c) To expedite the process of issue of refunds, some of the steps taken by the Department are:

(i) Mandatory Computerized processing of returns.

(ii) Introduction of e-filing of return for speedy processing.

(iii) The Department has up a Centralized Processing Centre at Bangaluru. It will provide speedy processing of returns and issuance of refunds for all the tax payers of Karnataka region and for all the e-filed returns.

(iv) Through Citizen's Charter and other press releases issued by the Department, tax payers are requested to carefully mention the relevant particulars in the return of income, more so about common deficiencies mentioned above.

(d) The total amount refunded during last three Financial Years is as follows:

Financial Year	Amount of Refund (in Rs. Crores)
2006-07	37313
2007-08	40742
2008-09	41122

Commodities in WPI basket

2821. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of commodities taken in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) basket;

(b) the names and number of primary articles, manufactured products and fuel and energy sources, each separately; and

(c) the base year for the current WPI series and how does Government determine WPI and set up their planning and budgetary formulation with very old base year and inaccurate yardstick for the current WPI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The total number of commodities, included in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) basket (Base: 1993-94=100), is 435.

Composition of the commodity basket group-wise is indicated below:

Description	Number of items	Name of major sub groups
Primary articles	98	1. Food article, 2. Non-food articles and 3. Minerals
Fuel, power, light and lubricants	19	1. Coal, 2. Mineral oil and 3. Electricity
Manufactured products	318	1. Food products; 2. Beverages, tobacco and tobacco products; 3. Textiles; 4. Wood and wood products; 5. Paper and paper products; 6. Leather and leather products; 7. Rubber and plastic products; 8. Chemicals and chemical products; 9. Non-metallic mineral products; 10. Basic metals, alloys and metal products; 11. Machinery and machine tools and 12. Transport equipment and parts.

(c) The base year of current series of WPI is 1993-94. The WPI is determined from price data collected for 435 commodities through 1918 quotations. The budget is formulated every year on nominal basis at current prices. The Five Year Plans, however, generally assess resource availability and expenditure requirements on the basis of the price level of the last year of the previous five year plan. For example, the assessment of the resource availability and expenditure requirements of the Eleventh Plan has been done at 2006-07 prices.

Loans for small and micro irrigation projects

2822. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the banks to offer loans for small and micro irrigation projects to reduce the dependence on monsoon;

(b) if so, whether Government has also directed the Chiefs of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to provide long-term loans for continuous irrigation;

(c) if so, the details of applications relating to irrigation projects for long-term loans pending with the banks for approval; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) Banks provide loans to small and micro irrigation projects. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) refinances loans for Minor Irrigation which include small and micro irrigation loans also. NABARD's refinance for the last three years in this regard is as under:

2009-10: Rs.125.52 crore (as on October, 2009)

2008-09: Rs.545.85 crore

2007-08: Rs.403.68 crore